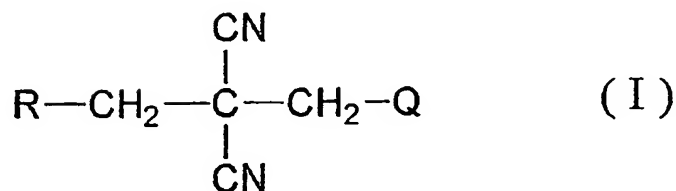


Amendments to the Claims

1. (Original) A nitrile compound represented by the formula (I):



wherein R represents C1-C4 fluoroalkyl,

Q represents halogen, C1-C11 alkyl optionally substituted with one or more halogen, C2-C6 alkenyl optionally substituted with one or more halogen, C2-C6 alkynyl optionally substituted with one or more halogen, C3-C7 cycloalkyl optionally substituted with one or more halogen or (C3-C7 cycloalkyl optionally substituted with one or more halogen) C1-C4 alkyl.

2. (Original) The nitrile compound according to claim 1, wherein Q is halogen, C1-C6 alkyl optionally substituted with one or more halogen, C2-C6 alkenyl optionally substituted with one or more halogen, C2-C6 alkynyl optionally substituted with one or more halogen, C3-C7 cycloalkyl optionally substituted with one or more halogen or (C3-C7 cycloalkyl optionally substituted with one or more halogen) C1-C4 alkyl.

3. (Original) The nitrile compound according to claim 1, wherein R is C2-C4 fluoroalkyl having 3 to 5 fluorine atoms.

4. (Original) The nitrile compound according to claim 1, wherein R is C3-C4 fluoroalkyl group having 6 to 8 fluorine atoms.

5. (Original) The nitrile compound according to claim 1, wherein R is C2 fluoroalkyl.

6. (Original) The nitrile compound according to claim 1, wherein R is 2,2,2-trifluoroethyl.
7. (Currently amended) The nitrile compound according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 6~~ claim 1, wherein Q is C4-C6 alkyl optionally substituted with one or more halogen.
8. (Currently amended) The nitrile compound according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 6~~ claim 1, wherein Q is C3-C4 alkyl optionally substituted with one or more halogen.
9. (Currently amended) The nitrile compound according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 6~~ claim 1, wherein Q is C4 alkyl group optionally substituted with one or more halogen.
10. (Currently amended) The nitrile compound according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 6~~ claim 1, wherein Q is 1,1,2,2,3,3,4,4-octafluorobutyl.
11. (Original) A pesticidal composition comprising the nitrile compound as defined in claim 1 and an inert carrier.
12. (Original) A method of controlling a pest, which comprises applying an effective amount of the nitrile compound as defined in claim 1 to said pest or a place where said pest inhabits.
13. (Original) Use of the nitrile compound as defined in claim 1 for pest control.
14. (New) The nitrile compound according to claim 2, wherein Q is C4-C6 alkyl optionally substituted with one or more halogen.
15. (New) The nitrile compound according to claim 3, wherein Q is C4-C6 alkyl optionally substituted with one or more halogen.

16. (New) The nitrile compound according to claim 4, wherein Q is C4-C6 alkyl optionally substituted with one or more halogen.
17. (New) The nitrile compound according to claim 5, wherein Q is C4-C6 alkyl optionally substituted with one or more halogen.
18. (New) The nitrile compound according to claim 6, wherein Q is C4-C6 alkyl optionally substituted with one or more halogen.
19. (New) The nitrile compound according to claim 2, wherein Q is C3-C4 alkyl optionally substituted with one or more halogen.
20. (New) The nitrile compound according to claim 3, wherein Q is C3-C4 alkyl optionally substituted with one or more halogen.
21. (New) The nitrile compound according to claim 4, wherein Q is C3-C4 alkyl optionally substituted with one or more halogen.
22. (New) The nitrile compound according to claim 5, wherein Q is C3-C4 alkyl optionally substituted with one or more halogen.
23. (New) The nitrile compound according to claim 6, wherein Q is C3-C4 alkyl optionally substituted with one or more halogen.
24. (New) The nitrile compound according to claim 2, wherein Q is C4 alkyl group optionally substituted with one or more halogen.
25. (New) The nitrile compound according to claim 3, wherein Q is C4 alkyl group optionally substituted with one or more halogen.

26. (New) The nitrile compound according to claim 4, wherein Q is C4 alkyl group optionally substituted with one or more halogen.
27. (New) The nitrile compound according to claim 5, wherein Q is C4 alkyl group optionally substituted with one or more halogen.
28. (New) The nitrile compound according to claim 6, wherein Q is C4 alkyl group optionally substituted with one or more halogen.
29. (New) The nitrile compound according to claim 2, wherein Q is 1,1,2,2,3,3,4,4-octafluorobutyl.
30. (New) The nitrile compound according to claim 3, wherein Q is 1,1,2,2,3,3,4,4-octafluorobutyl.
31. (New) The nitrile compound according to claim 4, wherein Q is 1,1,2,2,3,3,4,4-octafluorobutyl.
32. (New) The nitrile compound according to claim 5, wherein Q is 1,1,2,2,3,3,4,4-octafluorobutyl.
33. (New) The nitrile compound according to claim 6, wherein Q is 1,1,2,2,3,3,4,4-octafluorobutyl.